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# Press Release

## **USCIS Announces 90-Day Extension of Work Permits for Hondurans and Nicaraguans with Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**

WASHINGTON – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will announce in the Federal Register a 90-day auto-extension of employment authorization documents (EADs) for Hondurans and Nicaraguans with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) valid until October 5, 2005. This [Federal Register Notice](#) will be published the week of July 5. The auto-extension applies to all TPS-related EADs (Form I-766 or Form I-688B) with an expiration date on the card of January 5, 2005 and a “category” of “A-12” or “C-19.” This notice contains guidance for affected employees and employers and will be posted online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

**Since this is an automatic extension of EADs, affected individuals do not need to report to a USCIS office or call USCIS to request additional documentation.**

Employers with questions on how to verify an employee’s work authorization may also consult the USCIS web site at <http://uscis.gov/graphics/services/employerinfo/index.htm> or call the USCIS Office of Business Liaison Employer Hotline at 1-800-357-2099 to speak to a USCIS representative. Also, employers may call the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) Employer Hotline at 1-800-255-8155 or 1-800-362-2735 (TDD). Employees or applicants may call the OSC Employee Hotline at 1-800-255-7688 or 1-800-237-2515 (TDD) for information regarding the automatic extension. Assistance with Spanish and other languages is available through the OSC Employer Hotline and OSC Employee Hotline. Additional information is available on the OSC web site at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/index.html>.

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